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1. Hauptreferent (fnu) Selig of the Material Procurement Section, Main Administration for Heavy Machine Construction, Ministry for Machine Construction, visited VEB Vesta Kupfer- und Blechwalzwerk Ilseburg on 17 March 1952. The visit was made in response to an urgent request by the VEB DK Dampfkesselbau Uebigau, because the production quota promised Uebigau by Ilseburg was in danger of not being fulfilled.
2. Ilseburg had delivered 467 tons of boiler plate to Uebigau through 17 March 1952, which figure was equal to the January and February quotas. On 15 March 1952, 80 tons of the March quota were shipped to Uebigau. The quota contracted for was thus used up, since the remaining unfilled January and February quotas were cancelled in the meantime.
3. In order to compensate Uebigau for the cancelled unfilled quotas, 115 tons of plate were released to that enterprise by the Office for Material Procurement. The production manager in Ilseburg had planned to exceed the first quarter quota on 25 March 1952. The production during the remaining six days of March was to be used to cover Uebigau's needs.
4. It was determined, however, as a result of checks and tests on the plate produced, that as of 15 March 1952, only 41% of Ilseburg's production met the standards for boiler plate, because the iron slab delivered from Stahlwerk Brandenburg was of such poor quality that 59% of the plate processed was of inferior quality. In January only 63% of the rolled plate was of standard quality; in February, 57%; and in March, as of 15 March, 41%. Because of this Ilseburg would hardly be in a position to meet its quarterly quota by 25 March 1952, which would make the delivery of the 115 tons to Uebigau highly uncertain.
5. In the third quarter of 1951 a team had been formed in the Brandenburg works to inspect the cast iron slab. The slab was found to be defective and was reground. As a result, 98% of the iron slab delivered from Brandenburg during the fourth quarter 1951 was rolled. It was hoped to persuade the Minister of Heavy Industry, Fritz Selkmann, to reintroduce this practice in order to bring the production up to this level again.

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